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Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, attached please find informational materials disseminated by Ketchum on behalf of the Russian Federation.

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Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CM".

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From: Stearns, Matt [Matt.Stearns@ketchum.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2009 7:21 PM
To: Stearns, Matt
Subject: President Medvedev on Iran sanctions; U.S.-Russia relations

Good evening. In a Q&A session with students at the University of Pittsburgh this afternoon, President Dmitry Medvedev made the following comments:

In response to a question on Iran and sanctions:

I have this feeling as though I'm still in the meeting with Barack Obama. Yesterday he asked me this very same question. We spent about a half hour talking about that yesterday! I tried to answer that yesterday and I'll try to answer that today in this beautiful hall.

First of all, we are all responsible for global affairs. Since we share this responsibility, no state should refuse it. In this sense, Russia is a responsible country.

All of us are involved in promoting nuclear energy and the right to the peaceful use of it. Iran as a state has a right to its own peaceful nuclear program. This is our clear position. That is what I said to Barack Obama yesterday.

I do not believe sanctions are the best way to achieve results. Sanctions were used on a number of occasions against Iran but we have doubts about the results. Nevertheless when all instruments have been used and failed, one can use international legal sanctions. That is common...I think we should continue to promote positive incentives for Iran and at the same time push it to make all its programs transparent and open. Should we fail in that case, we'll consider other options.

In response to a question on the state of relations between the U.S. and Russia:
I would like to see them better than they are today. But today they are better than they were yesterday. The truth of the matter is, one year ago, I got an impression that our relations had hit a dead end, they almost slid to the level of the cold war. I don't want to blame anybody...The bottom line is, we didn't want that to happen. What really matters is to see to it that the number of differences between our countries, our politicians, be smaller. I am very comfortable with communication with the President of the United States for several reasons. We are of the same generation, we had the same kind of education. When I was a postgraduate student, I read legal reviews at the time that were edited by Barack Obama. Had I known he was an editor, I would have read them more attentively.

The mindset is important. Today, when I'm communicating with the U.S. president, I get the feeling that he's attentively listening. He doesn't preach to you as a mentor, which is not very nice. When you are preaching to others, it's not nice. People like him not only here in the United States but in other countries as well. So he's managed to do certain things that others have failed to do. I believe if personal relations between the leaders are good, then it will be easier to build better relations for the future.

(For example), a recent decision by the President of the United States regarding forgoing the third site on ABM missile defense. Of course, this decision was determined by Barack Obama's mindset. It was not pro-Russia nor pro-Chinese nor pro-Europe, this was an American decision. What's important is Barack Obama listened to my position. Perhaps it was part of the basis for his decision. We are learning to listen to each other. This is a change from the previous administration. I think these are bold, courageous decisions, to change decisions

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Excerpts from public comments of Dmitry A. Medvedev

President of the Russian Federation

University of Pittsburgh

24 September 2009

Opening Remarks:

To me it's very interesting that exactly 50 years ago a Soviet leader visited this building. I wouldn't say that I share any of his views, but I think it's an interesting coincidence...I hope you won't be asking me the same questions you asked Nikita Khrushchev 50 years ago because life has changed and so have we. Our countries have evolved considerably since then. We don't have the same values or barriers we had back then. We have similar view on global development and responses to domestic situations...We are all different, but we have common values.

Q&A excerpts

On a question about Russia-Georgia relations:

I believe in the future, relations will be good and friendly, based on centuries of friendship, shared history, traditions, including religious traditions, the way they were until recently. The question today is not about major complications between Russia and Georgia. The problem is today we assess differently an aggression that took place in August last year. Russia's assessment does not include the people of Georgia and the state of Georgia. We are talking about the actions of one single person, the Georgian president. Russia will create friendly relations with Georgia, its government, its leadership. But I will not deal with President Saakashvili because I believe he committed a crime against his own people and the people of South Ossetia and Abkhazia. Time will tell. But I believe good relations and brother hood will remain between Russia and the Georgian people. That is something politicians cannot spoil.

In response to a question on advice for students:

Thank you for asking that question...It is difficult to give any advice. I'm no longer a professor. Nevertheless, I will try to give you advice as a former professor. Treasure this time you enjoy now because these are the happiest moment of your life. I can guarantee you that. I've had lots of different stages in my life....now I'm president of a large country. But the happiest years of my life were back when I was a law student at St. Petersburg University. That was unforgettable. And it plays an important basis for your future life. This should motivate you to study hard. I envy you.

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In response to a question on what is most important in life:

Love. What can be more important than love? Love to your close ones, I believe it complies with all norms, be they religious or moral. This is the essence of life. We all have our own understanding of love as a concept, but in any case it is the most important thing.

Will you run for president in 2012? Do you know about Mr. Putin's plans in this regard?

If it works out well, if the Russian people trust me, why not run? That's quite normal. With regard to Mr. Putin's plans, you should ask him...We will discuss these matters jointly. That doesn't mean someone will make a decision for someone else.